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STANISLAUS COUNTY IHSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

02/11/05

Committee Members Present:

Jose Acosta	Madelyn Amaral	Rose Martin
Connie Muller	Ora Scruggs	George Sharp
Linda White		

Committee Members Absent:

*Dwight Bateman *Kenny Brown

IHSS Staff Present:

Jeff Lambaren	Maria Childers	Robert Taylor
Egon Stammer	Veronica Melgoza	

**Advance notice given.*

OPENING REMARKS by JEFF LAMBAREN

- Meeting called to order at 1:08 PM
- Jeff Lambaren announced that since Kenny Brown-Chairperson is not present, the committee had to select a member to run the meeting.
- Connie Muller nominated Linda White to be the new Vice-Chairperson and George Sharp seconded the motion.
- Committee members voted and Linda White is the new Vice-Chairperson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kristi Rosenquist from the Union announced that they will not be making any more job referrals, they are encouraging providers to go through the registry.
- The Union is waiting until they get a chance to work with the Public Authority and the County to find a way that the Union can refer people.



ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- January 14, 2005 & January 28, 2005 minutes: Motion M/S/A to accept with notice that Linda White's name was left off of the January 14th minutes.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY

- Jeff Lambaren announced that at the next Board meeting there will be four agenda items for Public Authority:
 1. A letter of support from the Public Authority to oppose the Governor's cuts to the program.
 2. The authority for the Interim Director of the Public Authority (Jeff Lambaren), to sign agreements, and carry out the official duties of the Public Authority
 3. The acceptance of County Policies and Procedures to govern the Public Authority.
 4. Get a resolution to the County's retirement system for inclusion of the regular full-time employees of the Public Authority in the County retirement system.

UNION UPDATE

- Jeff Lambaren announced that some of the issues that are being discussed are what makes a provider eligible to receive benefits.
- There will be a waiting list, and they will go by seniority
- Providers will need to be providing 75 hours a month for 3 consecutive months
- Some providers may decline the benefits and that will allow someone else off the waiting list to receive benefits
- At the 75 hour range about half of the total providers are eligible for benefits
- Union is discussing a 10.00 co-payment

IHSS WEB PAGE

- Committee needs to come up with a way that they will keep the page updated
- Madelyn Amaral asked if the Union's number could be on the web page, a link could be added
- Jeff Lamabaren suggested that the committee add upcoming events and update regularly
- Committee members will take the sample web page home, add information ,and make any changes needed

LEGISLATION/BUDGET

- George Sharp announced that May 24, 2005 is Capital Action Day. They will go and protest the capital to combat what the Governor would like to do. No other new information has come over communication line.
- Maria Childers stated that there is nothing new with the budget.
- Committee would like to send a letter opposing the Governor's cuts, concerning wage cut backs, staff will write a letter and send it with the meeting minutes so members can approve it.
- Connie Muller asked about the handicapped parking spaces. There are not enough of them in the parking garage.
- Jeff Lambaren informed the committee that they could write a letter to ask for more handicapped spaces.
- Madelyn made the motion, Connie Muller seconded the motion, passed; staff will draft up a letter and bring to the committee for approval.

RETREAT DEBRIEFING

- Committee members would like to send a "thank you" card and letter to Kristi Knoller. The retreat went well, everyone was happy with it.

NEW MEMBER PACKAGE

- Tabled until the next meeting,
- Staff will put together a packet to have available to hand out to prospective members

GENERAL UPDATE

- Annual report for 2005 will have the same format, same cover, we will remove Jeff Lambaren and Christine Munoz. We will add the appointments of Kenny Brown and Linda White.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:20 PM
Veronica Melgoza, Recorder